



*Celebrating public health at work in Michigan*

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# Hometown Health Heroes

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The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership is proud to recognize and honor the 2011 Hometown Health Heroes.  
These individuals and organizations have made extraordinary efforts to improve health in their communities.

## ★ Tammie Budrow and Jennifer Ritter

Traverse City - Tammi Budrow's daughter died in 2007 from a head injury sustained during a sledding crash. Tammie teamed up with Jennifer Ritter, a local Injury Prevention Coordinator, and together they established a children's winter sports safety program.

## ★ John Calvert

Pinckney - Chairs the local Safe Routes to School Task Force. This collaboration has shown unwavering commitment to improving the traffic safety conditions around the school, in addition to encouraging more children to walk and/or bike to school.

## ★ Deb Carpenter

Kalamazoo - Volunteers for numerous activities that focus on creating safe and injury-free environments for children. These efforts have included her commitment to the Kalamazoo County Safe Kids organization.

## ★ Gary Domerese

Clio - Led numerous new safety initiatives throughout the community. As the Fire Chief of the Clio Fire Department, Gary has consistently gone above and beyond his expected duties. Gary demonstrates tremendous passion and commitment to making his community a safer and healthier place to live.

## ★ Keith Eichler

Branch County - Oversees the Get STOPPED (Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers) program. Over and over again, Keith goes beyond the scope of his normal job duties and freely volunteers his extra time toward community activities. Through his efforts, Branch County is a healthier, safer county.

## ★ Madonna University Senior Nursing Students and Margaret Gorman, BSN, MSN, PhD, faculty member

Livonia - Working with the Infant Mortality Project in Highland Park, these students are choosing activities that they can do in addition to their required course work. They are focusing on practical, low-cost interventions to help reduce health disparities in an underserved population.



## ★ Mike and Elaine Nevells and Lynne Page

Ingham County - In 2009, the Nevells' son was killed in a car crash while leaving the Okemos High School parking lot. The Nevells and Lynne Page started a grass roots effort to bring the public safety issue of the speed limit on Jolly Road to the attention of the community. They finally prevailed and the speed limit was reduced to 45 mph on Jolly Road.

## ★ POH Regional Medical Center

Pontiac - Implemented the POH Bike Helmet Safety Program, beginning in Spring 2008. This program focuses on educating 2nd graders on bike safety; results show that treatment at POH for bicycle crashes in the 6-10 age group has decreased 75% since this program began.

## ★ George Sedlacek

Ishpeming - Implemented the Safe Routes to School program; worked with community partners to gain matching funds to qualify for a grant from MDOT in order to make this possible. These efforts are already paying off with an increasing number of students who are able to walk and/or ride bikes to school.

## ★ Ray Sharp

Hancock - Working with community partners to gain support for the implementation of the Complete Streets concept. Following the Complete Streets concept will result in more bike lanes, sidewalks, and other features that will result in a safer and more physically active community.

## ★ Youth Empowerment Solutions for Peaceful Communities (YES)

Flint - YES focuses on areas of Flint and Genesee County with high levels of youth violence and crime. Through the YES program, high-risk youth have opportunities to learn specific empowerment skills, practice those skills, and establish the social and cognitive resources that will help them effectively navigate and change social settings.





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## Agenda

★ 11:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks, Recognition of Organizational Representatives and Recognition of Health Policy Champions

Olga Dazzo, Director, Michigan Department of Community Health

★ 11:45 a.m.

Recognition of Hometown Health Heroes and Brief Remarks

Phyllis Meadows, PhD, MSN, RN, Associate Dean

University of Michigan School of Public Health

★ 11:55 a.m.

Closing Remarks

Olga Dazzo, Director, Michigan Department of Community Health



## Policy Champions

★ Mouhanad Hammami, MD, Wayne County

★ Ken Rosenman, MD, Michigan State University

★ Judge Thomas Shumaker, St. Joseph County Probate Court

★ Senator Rick Jones, 24th District

★ Senator John Proos, 21st District

★ Representative Joan Bauer, 68th District

★ Representative Jon Switalski, 25th District



# National Public Health Week 2011



## Safety is No Accident: Live Injury-Free

This national theme guides Michigan's efforts to ensure that core public health principles such as promoting safety and preventing injuries and violence have a strong foundation in our communities and public health system. Today we celebrate Michigan's hometown health heroes and health policy champions and recognize the accomplishments they have made to improve health and well-being in their communities.



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